



2009 Lake Huron International Regatta

July 3rd, 2009

Hosted by the Port Huron Yacht Club



Notice of Race

1. Management

- 1.1. Port Huron Yacht Club is the organizing authority of the 2009 Lake Huron International Regatta (*LHIR*) and has appointed the Port Huron Yacht Club LHIR Race Chairman (*RC*) to conduct the Race and related activities. The RC has the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the Race and to reject the entry of any boat at any time before the start of the Race.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The Race shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS), which includes the following (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions):
- 2.1.1. The prescriptions of U.S. Sailing
 - 2.1.2. This Notice and Conditions of Race (*Notice of Race*).
 - 2.1.3. The Sailing Instructions and any amendments.
 - 2.1.4. Applicable U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard Rules and Regulations.
 - 2.1.5. Lake Huron Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (*PHRF*) rules as administered by the RC.
 - 2.1.6. 2009 IRC rules and regulations as applied by the national authority.

3. Advertising

- 3.1. The Race is an invitational regatta, which the organizing authority has designated advertising Category A.

4. Eligibility / Entry

- 4.1. This race is open to all yachts that complete the entry by July 3rd 2009. Entry can be accomplished by visiting Yacht Scoring (www.yachtscoring.com) and completing the online registration or by completing entry form available on the site. Entry forms will also be available at PHYC.
- 4.2. A boat's application to race shall be conditioned upon the Race Committee's acceptance of the boat as an entrant in the Race.

5. Fees

- 5.1. The required entry fee for this event is \$50 USD.

6. Schedule of events

- 6.1. Final Entry 1800-2100 on Thursday July 2nd, 2009 at PHYC
- 6.2. Skipper Packet Pick-up, Crew Dinner & Bloody Mary Hour 1400-1600 on Friday July 3rd, 2009 at PHYC
- 6.3. Skipper's meeting 1600 on Friday July 3rd, 2009 at PHYC
- 6.4. Warning Gun 1900 on Friday July 3rd, 2009
- 6.5. Dinner and Drinks 1800-1930 on Saturday July 4th, 2009
- 6.6. Protests to be heard prior to 6.8.
- 6.7. Award and Entertainment 1930 - Close on Saturday July 4th, 2009.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. Final SI will be posted on the Yacht Scoring web site on June 26th, 2009.

8. Courses

- 8.1. **Port Huron 100 (86 NM)** - The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point, to Southern Lake Huron Weather Buoy, across Lake Huron to Port Sanilac, and down the U.S shore to finish at Port Huron.
- 8.2. **John Blunt Memorial (57.5 NM)** - The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point, across Lake Huron to Lexington Harbor, and down the U.S shore to finish at Port Huron.
- 8.3. **Kettle Point (43.5 NM)** - The course will run up the Canadian shore to Kettle Point and then back to Port Huron for the finish.

9. Classes / Splits / Starting Order

9.1. Division I – PHRF

9.1.1. PHRF competitors can race on any course.

9.1.2. Only yachts with a PHRF rating of 168 or higher can race on the Kettle Point course.

9.2. Division II – IRC

9.2.1. IRC yachts will be racing on the Port Huron 100 course.

9.3. Division III – ASM Division

9.3.1. ASM yachts can race on either the John Blunt or Kettle Point course.

9.4. Division IV – Jib and Main (JAM)

9.4.1. JAM yachts can race on either the John Blunt or Kettle Point course.

9.5. RC may move a yacht or yachts from one course to another to produce competitive classes with similar rated yachts.

9.6. Final class splits and starting order will be posted at the notice board by 1400 on July 3rd, 2009. Unofficial splits may be posted on the Yacht Scoring website.

10. Ratings & Handicaps

10.1. Yacht entering PHRF, ASM and JAM classes must a valid 2009 PHRF handicap certificates issued by any local authority. The RC may adjust individual PHRF handicaps to compensate for differences in handicapping methods employed by various handicapping authorities to be in accordance with Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws and ratings.

10.2. ASM will be defined by the following limits

10.2.1. Headsails must be flown hanked to the headstay or in the headstay groove except that asymmetrical spinnakers may be flown as provided in 4, stated below.

10.2.2. Staysails may not be flown.

10.2.3. If a roller-furler credit is given, (a) all headsails must be cut for the roller-furler, (b) the roller-furler must be used throughout the race and (c) during headsail changes, the old sail must be dropped to the deck and the new sail then put on the roller-furler and hoisted.

10.2.4. Symmetrical spinnakers may not be used. Asymmetrical spinnakers may be flown provided they (a) are flown without a whisker or spinnaker pole and (b) are attached to a tack point along the center line of the yacht that is no more than 12 inches fore or aft of the jib tack.

10.2.5. Whisker or spinnaker poles may be used only for headsails.

10.3. JAM will be defined by the following limits

10.3.1. Jib and main sails only.

10.3.2. Whisker or spinnaker poles may be used only for headsails.

10.4. JAM yachts shall be given a 9 second credit added to the yachts approved PHRF rating.

10.5. ASM yachts shall be given a 3 second credit added to the yachts approved PHRF rating.

10.6. No changes in ratings initiated by competitors, and no revised rating certificates, will be accepted after July 3rd, 2008.

10.7. PHRF handicaps assigned by the Race Committee are final.

10.8. Yachts entering the IRC class must have a valid 2009 IRC certificate issued by their national authority.

11. Disclaimer of liability of Skipper and Crew

11.1. The Port Huron Yacht Club, its officers and members, the members of the Race Committee and sponsors shall not be liable for any loss of life, injury to persons or damage to property that may occur during or related to the Race.

11.2. As used in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the term “Skipper” means the person who is designated on the Entry Form as “Skipper” and who is in charge of the boat, whether or not the owner.

11.3. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who must insure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and sailed by an experienced and physically fit crew. The Skipper must be satisfied with the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and gear and must insure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

12. Insurance

12.1. Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.